



FALL/WINTER 2023

# THE BRIDGE

Connecting Community Resources



*Ten Club Park - View from Plaza of play stream*

## Village of Waterford



123 N River Street  
Waterford, WI 53185



(262) 534-3980



info@waterfordwi.gov



waterfordwi.gov



### Counter Hours

Monday-Thursday  
8:30 am - 4pm

Friday  
8:30 am - 12 pm

*Check website for holiday hours*

### Assessor Office Hours

Wednesdays  
9 am - 11 am

### Building Inspector Office Hours

Mondays &  
Wednesdays  
1:30 pm - 3 pm

# VILLAGE OF WATERFORD

## Village Staff

Administrator/Zoning  
262-806-1750

Assessor  
262-806-1750

Building Insp.  
262-894-2882

Clerk  
262-534-1843

Code Enforcement  
262-534-1852

Court  
262-534-1853

Treasurer  
262-534-1844

Deputy Treasurer  
262-534-1849

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Public Works  
262-534-4069

Utility Clerk  
262-534-2760

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Library  
262-534-3988

Fire (non-emergency)  
262-534-7019

Police (non-emergency)  
262-534-2119

## Board of Trustees

**Don Houston -  
President**

**Adam Jaskie**

**Andrew Ewert**

**Bob Nash**

**Patrick Goldammer**

**Tamara Pollnow**

**Troy McReynolds**

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*Please send any  
correspondence regarding  
an agenda item by 4pm the  
day of the meeting.  
Please email to  
[rladewig@waterfordwi.gov](mailto:rladewig@waterfordwi.gov)*

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**If you are interested in  
serving on a committee  
please complete the  
Talent Bank Questioner  
under Forms & Permits  
[waterfordwi.gov](http://waterfordwi.gov)  
and return to  
[raldewig@waterfordwi.gov](mailto:raldewig@waterfordwi.gov)**

## Meetings

**Community  
Development  
Authority**

1st Monday @ 6pm\*

**Finance**

2nd Monday @ 5pm\*

**Village Board**

2nd Monday @ 6pm  
*4th - as needed*

**Public Works &  
Utilities**

3rd Monday @ 4pm

**Personnel**

3rd Monday @ 5pm\*

**Library Board**

2nd Tuesday @ 4:30pm

**Fire & Police  
Commission**

2nd Tuesday @ 5pm

**Heritage District  
Design**

3rd Wednesday @ 4pm\*

**Plan Commission**

3rd Wednesday @ 6pm

*\*as needed*

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Sign up for **NOTIFY ME**

Be notified of upcoming meetings and  
link to the Agenda Center for the  
meeting packet.



## Great Things are Coming to Waterford

BY DON HOUSTON - VILLAGE BOARD PRESIDENT

We are now working on the 2024 budget. We are challenged with the same situation you are facing in your own household, increases in essential costs! The goal is to NOT increase the village tax levy. Everyone has seen increases in their everyday needs. I feel it is our job to maintain the services you are accustomed to and not ask you for more money through raising taxes. We have worked to increase the additional funds needed through new development and maximizing existing commercial properties.

Every department has worked to streamline their operations. I strongly feel that asking village residents for more money is not an option. Since I have been on the village board, I have worked hard to avoid an increased burden on us all, the average home owners.

Ten Club Park is one example of projects we have gotten done without asking village residents for more money. Ten Club Park is funded through a DNR grant, Racine County partnership and from new business development (TID).

Regarding our Fire and EMS department, there have been substantial increases in costs and maintenance of equipment. In a very competitive job market, we must raise personnel wages to retain top quality people who are dedicated to our safety and wellbeing. The department has grown into a top-notch, professional service.

The response times are as good or better than many “big city” departments. Our station is staffed 24/7, 365 days a year with a highly trained and dedicated team resulting in a professionally staffed ambulance arriving quickly when needed.

In order to keep this high level of service without asking residents for more money (through referendum), we have explored our options and feel the best option is through collaboration with others. This is also the option that residents requested us to pursue from past survey data.

The Waterford Village Board is interested in collaborating with neighboring communities to provide:

- 24/7, 365 staffed paramedic-level ambulance service, as well as, another back-up staff in the event there is more than one call at the same time.
- a much greater number of personnel available for emergency and fire events.
- training at the same high level of standards and teamwork.
- expansion of volunteer participation.
- reduction of duplications, curbing the ever-increasing costs of equipment.
- competitive pay to retain and recruit top-notch, caring personnel.

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Great Things are Coming to Waterford**

- retention of oversight of their own department.
- additional resources for future equipment replacement, when needed.

Working together with other communities would provide a path to solving many of the issues we are all facing with rising costs, rather than pushing the problems down the road.

You can be assured; you, the person calling 911 and a taxpayer, is our TOP priority.

Anyone wanting to serve our community as a volunteer firefighter, please contact Village Hall for information.



**Dog licenses will be available for  
renewal in December.**

2023 expires December 31, 2023

**\$10 Altered Dog**


**\$15 Unaltered Dog**

**Renewal Grace Period ends March 31st and  
a \$5 penalty will be added.**

**Please bring your dog's recent  
proof of rabies vaccination.**



*Ten Club Park - View of Play Stream & River Frontage*



**Access your Utility Portal:**  
[waterfordwi.authoritypay.com](http://waterfordwi.authoritypay.com)


**Log in or Sign up to utilize  
the new features!**

**Had a portal account?  
Your login is still active!**

**AUTOPAY**  
with a saved Credit Card or Checking Account  
Other scheduled payment options now available

**Pay by Phone**  
**(844) 776-0285**

**Pay with cash at local  
CheckFreePay locations**  
WALGREENS - PICK N' SAVE -  
DOLLAR GENERAL - WALMART  
Check for other locations at  
[www.checkfreepay.com/en/payment-locator.html](http://www.checkfreepay.com/en/payment-locator.html)





# GARBAGE & RECYCLING

2023 NOVEMBER						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

2023 DECEMBER						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

## Recycling Pick-up

Shaded - West of Jefferson  
Non- Shaded - East of Jefferson



Yard Waste Drop Off -  
801 Ela / 8am-noon - Must have ID



Collection will be delayed 1 day Christmas week

## How do I get the 2024 Garbage & Recycling Calendar ?



Mailed in the  
2023 Property  
Tax Bills



[www.waterfordwi.gov](http://www.waterfordwi.gov)



Printed Copies  
available at  
Village Hall

## Johns Disposal (262)473-4700



### Bulk Items

(Ordinance 186-28)  
Only items placed in the  
provided garbage cans  
are collected during the  
weekly pick-up. Please  
contact Johns Disposal to  
schedule a special pick-  
up. Items waiting for pick-  
up must put on the curb  
the night prior to pick up.  
*Charges may apply.*



### Yard Waste

(Ordinance 186-5)  
Yard waste (grass  
clippings, leaves, garden  
debris, etc.) should not  
be deposited for regular  
garbage pick-up nor  
should it be deposited  
into the curblane, street,  
or in piles near the  
pavement edge.

## Please review the Snow Removal Policy



### Christmas Tree Removal

Christmas Trees will be  
picked up by the DPW Crews.

Place trees at curb.

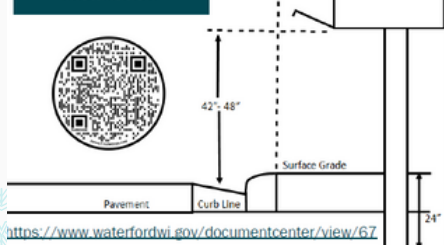
**All decorations/items must be removed.**



### Weather Permitting

**Mailboxes must be 8" behind the  
curb as to not interfere with the  
plow trucks.**

### Village of Waterford's Approved Mailbox Installation



**All basketball hoops in the roadway must be  
moved by November 1st.**



Introducing  
Aubrey McGaughy,  
the EW Executive Director

The Explore Waterford Board of Directors is excited to announce Aubrey McGaughy as their new Executive Director.

"I am so pleased Aubrey is joining us at Explore Waterford. She brings to the table event planning experience, small business ownership, and organizational skills to bring EW to the next level," says Jay Noble, President of Explore Waterford.

The Board of Directors is working alongside Aubrey as she transitions into her new role. "I am eager to assist and support the Board, Our Businesses, and Our Community. My goal is to implement new and exciting events and activities while building upon the existing events," says Aubrey McGaughy, Executive Director of Explore Waterford.

The Board of Directors is confident in Aubrey and that her new role as Executive Director will bring the organization into the future with more opportunities, support, and partnerships for our businesses and community.



**Waterford  
Winter Wonderland  
CHRISTMAS  
Parade**



**Saturday,  
December 2  
5:00 pm**

**Downtown Waterford**

**November 17 & 18  
Christmas in the Village  
Visit:  
christmasinthevillagewaterford.com**





THANK  
YOU

**THANK YOU** to all who came out and joined us for Fun & Food on the Fox on the beautiful Summer Mondays this year!


The food...the music...the good will...oh my!

Special thanks to **ALL** of our food and beverage vendors; Waterford Lions Club, Big O's, Mrs. B's, Kettle Cornucopia, Hawgz Dogs, Mr. P's, Pina's, Inmoxicated, Little Havana, Loco Sno, Oatballs, Jewelry by Sheila, and My Creative Cottage.

And to our sponsors Artistic Piano (*Bounce House*), Dousman Transport Company, and the Village of Waterford.

We will be back in 2024 at Ten Club Park - **bigger and better** than ever!

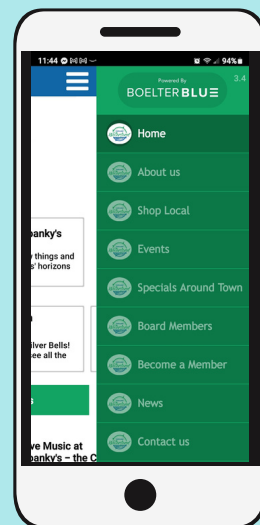
**Mark your Calendars Mondays 4:30 pm to 8pm  
- June through August - and come on out and  
have some good old-fashioned FUN!**

Find us on 

[www.facebook.com/FunandFoodonFirst](https://www.facebook.com/FunandFoodonFirst)

**Download the  
Explore Waterford App**

**Events  
Specials  
News**





## Development Stabilizes Rates

BY ZEKE JACKSON - ADMINISTRATOR

Lots of new and exciting developments are coming out of the ground and working their way to completion in our community!

Development over the last 5 years has allowed us to stabilize utility rates (lots of new customers), and have allowed us to keep the Village's portion of Taxes flat.

Further, our schools have lost 220 students over the last 10 years, and development in the Village has helped to trim the rate of these losses. Loss of students means loss of per pupil state aid. Loss of state aid means increased pressure to raise taxes.

Given economic conditions and interest rates, I expect growth to slow dramatically over the next 24 months. Here's an update on what is coming up, and what is under construction:

**Waterford Lofts:** Located at the corner of Milwaukee St. and Main St., the Waterford Lofts project features 2 commercial ground floor units and 12 residential units.

This catalytic project for downtown revitalization will be anchored by Community State Bank on the lower level, and is projected to be completed this fall.

This project is located in TID 4, and will allow our community to create sales comps for future redevelopment and restoration sites.

**DeGrave Farm:** The 77 acre DeGrave farm is located just north of Trailside Elementary, and annexed to the Village in 2023. The proposal for development includes 88 single family homes and 60 market rate apartments.

**Foat Apartments:** Garrett and Kyle Foat have construction underway on 12 market rate apartments at the end of 7th St, and have been approved for 1 additional 12 unit building.

**Spanky's:** A new Spanky's facility is being built off 6th st directly south of O'Riley Autoparts. We can all look forward to their great pizza and good times when they open in 2024.

**Pre-3 Cornerstone:** Premier Real Estate is completing 48 market rate apartments across from the Bowling Alley on Cornerstone Ct.

**ProHealth:** A new clinic is under construction at the intersection of 36 and 164; featuring an urgent care, diagnostics/testing, and some medical practices, this addition to our community will expand medical care access into the ProHealth network.

**Saturn 5:** Construction has begun on a 2nd phase of work in the Mercury Business Park on 3 new multi-purpose buildings.

We are still working to recruit another grocery store and additional restaurants. We are unlikely to see solid progress on those until some more rooftops are completed to create customers those businesses need to be successful. Good news is we have lots of residential being worked on and all of that development is helpful in making the case.





**REMINDER:** Ordinance 207-14C (alternate side parking) is enforced 365 days a year in the Village.

From **November 1 through March 31** the fine for parking on the incorrect side of the road is **\$75.00**.

#### Here is how it works:

On even-numbered calendar dates, vehicles may be parked on the side of the street adjacent to lots and houses which have been assigned even numbers. On odd-numbered calendar dates, vehicles may be parked on the side of the street adjacent to lots and houses which have been assigned odd numbers. Alternate-side parking rules are determined on the calendar date after **12:00 midnight**. **Alternate-side parking is in effect from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.**

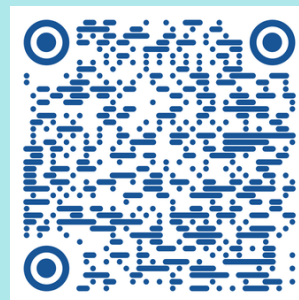
**Example:** It is December 3rd, at 10:00 p.m., and a person does not plan to move his or her vehicle until the next morning; that person would park on the even side of the street because it will be December 4th after midnight.

## Lottery Tax Credit

As of January 1, 2023

you occupy your new construction,  
OR you purchased a home that has not  
previously received the credit.

You may be eligible for a  
Lottery Tax Credit on your property  
taxes if you are using it as your  
PRIMARY residence.



Scan to check if you are receiving  
the credit or to apply or visit  
<https://tinyurl.com/lotterytaxcredit>

*If you already receive a  
credit you do not need to  
reapply.*

### Car Seat Safety

Waterford Fire Department's Nationally Certified Technician will guide & assist installing car seats & boosters and check your seat(s) for recalls, expiration dates and damage using best practices and the National Child Passenger Safety Guidelines.

The Technician will be available at the WFD Station Mondays or available by appointment.  
House calls available if needed.

Call (262)514-7019 to talk to the Health & Safety Officer or Shift Commander for questions or scheduling needs.



Ten Club Park - View of Play Stream

## Senior Group



**Retired? Have some time on your hands? Love to play cards or games? Want some fun social time?**

Waterford has a group that meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the Seidel Building located at Whitford Park (625 S 1st St)!

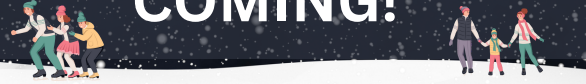
People meet at 11:30 am for set up, and 12 noon to socialize and play games and cards (Rummy, Sheephead, Cribbage and more)!

Founded by Lorraine Ketterhagen many years ago; seniors and retired folks have made friends by gathering twice a month "because they like to"!

Bring your lunch, or something to share if you like – stop in and check us out!

Call Kathy at 262-534-1853 for questions.

## THE NEW ICE RINK IS COMING!



As part of the Ten Club Expansion / Improvement project the ever popular Ice Rink is getting an upgrade. In its new home the rink will feature a chiller system to allow for more consistent ice - meaning more open time!

**Follow the Village of Waterford Facebook Page for season opening announcement, open hours, and more details.**

The Lions Club of Waterford will once again host the Skate Shake for skate rentals and concessions.

Hockey will **not** be allowed on the rink at Ten Club Park. Hockey will be allowed at the Rink at Whitford Park.









Rink Sponsorships are available!  
[waterfordwi.gov](http://waterfordwi.gov)

## MY TAX BILL

My Tax Bill allow property owners within Racine County to search their property by address or parcel ID.

### WHAT CAN I DO:

-  View & Print past Tax Bills
-  View & Print current Tax Bill (when available)
-  View & Print payment information
-  Change your mailing address
-  Click on your parcel number to be directed to your property listing on the Racine County Assent Land Records Website
-  View additional weblinks to other resources, including the Property Owner Guide to Assessments & Taxation

SCAN THE QR CODE  
to access My Tax Bill



## Change of Mailing Address

Mailing addresses are the #1 reason bills are not received by property owners.

*Many times this occurs with new construction and the address doesn't get updated when moving into the new home to that address. OR, sometimes typos happen when closing on a property.*

**Review MY TAX BILL to verify your mailing address is correct.**

**If not, click on Change my Address to update your mailing address.**



123 N River St.  
Waterford, WI 53185

PRSRT STD  
US POSTAGE PAID  
WATERFORD WI  
PERMIT NO 1

## Waterford Cooperative Boundary Plan **COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION**

**Tuesday, December 5 at 6 PM**

**Waterford Union High School LGI Room**

Online Meeting Option: <https://meet.google.com/out-mbtd-qee>

Or dial: (US) +1 218-296-6944 PIN: 837 472 338#

The Town and Village of Waterford are developing a Cooperative Boundary Plan as provided for in Wisconsin statutes (s. 66.0307, Wis.Stats.)

A Cooperative Boundary Plan has not yet been drafted.

The Cooperative Boundary Plan Subcommittee is seeking community input to this work. Town and Village of Waterford residents and stakeholders are encouraged to attend this meeting to **learn about**, **ask questions**, and **provide input** to the Cooperative Boundary Plan process. The Listening Session agenda will include a limited amount of Question & Answer time.



Questions about the Cooperative Boundary Plan can  
be submitted in advance by email to:  
[waterfordboundaryplan@gmail.com](mailto:waterfordboundaryplan@gmail.com)

